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FORMATION OF THE CHURCH.

THE Society connected with this church, was organized January 12, 1846, and the church August 26, following.

Public worship was held one half the time from May 3, 1846, to April 29, 1849. During this time, a house of worship was completed at an expense of $3600, and dedicated May 2, 1849. From this time, public worship has been maintained without interruption. The Rev. PERKINS K. CLARK preached as stated supply from May 3, 1846, to May 16, 1852. The Rev. R. S. EGGLESTON, from May 23, 1852, to April 3, 1853. The REV. TOWNSEND WALKER was engaged to supply the pulpit April 10, 1853, and was settled December 27, 1853.

DEACONS.

Melvin Copeland, chosen September 23, 1846.
Edward M. Taylor, " " 23, "
Garry Munson, " February 29, 1856.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. WE believe that there is one only, the living and true God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—the Maker and Preserver of all things.

II. THAT the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God: that they contain a complete and harmonious system of Divine truth, and are our only perfect rule of Doctrinal belief and religious practice.

III. THAT God created man holy, and entered into a covenant of life with him, the condition of which was perfect obedience, but by voluntary transgression, man fell from that state wherein he was created, in consequence of which, his posterity became sinners, and are by nature utterly destitute of that holiness required by the law of God.

IV. THAT God of His mere mercy sent His only begotten Son into the world, who, in our nature, has borne the curse of God's law, and brought in everlasting righteousness.

V. THAT all who truly believe in Christ are through His atonement and righteousness justified from all their sins, and are kept by the power of Divine Grace through faith unto salvation.

VI. THAT the blessings of the Gospel are made free to all, and nothing prevents the salvation of the sinner except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ; but, as all do refuse, no one can be saved without being regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

VII. THAT at the last day, the Lord Jesus Christ will descend from Heaven, raise the dead, and judge the world in righteousness, and that He will admit His Saints to the glory of His Kingdom, and punish the ungodly with everlasting destruction.

Do you cordially assent to these truths?

FORM OF COVENANT.

In the presence of God and this assembly, you do now seriously, deliberately and forever give up yourselves in faith and love and holy obedience to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—accepting the Lord Jehovah to be your God: Jesus Christ to be your Prophet, Priest and King: the Holy Ghost to be your Sanctifier, Comforter and Guide. Although sensible of your weakness and guilt, and of your liability to error and sin, still you do sincerely desire, and by the aid of Divine grace, do promise to receive in love, the pure Doctrines of the Gospel, to walk in the statutes and ordinances of the Lord blameless, and to do honor to your high and holy vocation, by a life of piety towards God and benevolence towards your fellow-men.

You do also cordially join yourselves to this church of Christ, engaging to submit to its discipline so far as conformable to the rules of the gospel, and solemnly covenanting as much as in you lies, to promote its peace, edification and purity, and to walk with its members

in Christian love, faithfulness, circumspection, sobriety and meekness. This you promise and engage to do, with humble trust in the grace of God, and with an affecting belief that your vows are recorded on high, and will be reviewed in the day of final judgment. Thus you promise and engage.

We then, as a church, (all the members of the church here rise) do cordially receive you into our fellowship and communion, and give thanks to God, who we trust, has inclined your heart to fear His name. We promise to treat you with Christian affection, to watch over you with tenderness, and to offer our prayers to the great head of the church, to enable you to fulfil the solemn covenant which you have now made. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." And may God of His great mercy give us all grace to be faithful to Him, and faithful to each other while we live, that we may be admitted at last through the merits of Christ, to the everlasting fellowship of Saints and Angels in the presence of the Father and the Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. The Pastor is Moderator in all meetings for business, and shall keep the records of the church.

2. The Deacons shall take charge of all moneys belonging to the church, and make report annually.

3. The Pastor and Deacons shall constitute the Standing Committee of the church, with such others as may be annually chosen.

4. The annual business meeting of the church shall be held in the early part of January of each year.

5. Candidates for admission shall be propounded two weeks previous to communion; also letters recommending persons from other churches shall be read two weeks previous to the vote for their admission.

6. The request of those who ask letters of dismission from us, and of recommendation to other churches, shall be communicated to the church at least two weeks previous to their receiving a letter. All who remove to other places are expected and requested to call for letters.

7. Members of other churches residing among us are expected to bring letters of recommendation *within a year*, or be deprived of the privilege of communion, unless they present to the Committee a satisfactory reason for their neglect.

8. The Lord's Supper shall be administered on the first Sabbath of every alternate month, beginning with January; or at such other times as the church shall direct.

9. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to inquire after all public offences in this church which may come to their knowledge by complaint or otherwise. In all cases of private offence, after the course prescribed in Matthew, 18th chapter, shall have been pursued, complaint may be made to the church through the Committee, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the facts, and make to report of the same, and of the measures which in their opinion ought to be taken. By assigning these duties to the Committee, however, the church do not discharge individual members from their obligation to watch over, admonish and reprove each other.

10. This church regards the selling and using of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, at the present day, as indicative of doubtful Christian character, and as injurious to the peace and prosperity of churches—and expect that those who unite with them will renounce such practices.

11. This church believes the Sabbath to be an institution of Divine appointment, and that the observance of it is essential to the social, civil and religious interests of men, and its members are expected by *example* and influence to persuade all persons to abstain from worldly business, traveling and amusement, and to attend the public worship of God on that day.

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CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS.

EXPLANATIONS.—P. Denotes that the person joined the church by profession. L. By letter. * That the person was removed from the church by death. R. Otherwise removed.

AUGUST 26, 1846.

Original Members.

Mary G. Barber, L.
Melvin Copeland, L.
Lucinda Copeland, L.
Lyman Dimock, L. R.
Catherine Dimock, L. R.
Caleb W. Hannum, L.
Minerva Hannum, L.
Harvey Hannum, L. *
Laura Melvina Hannum, P.
Hephzibah Hannum, L.
Francis Harwood, L.
Mary Harwood, L.
Milton Knight, L.
Caroline Knight, L.
Emeline Lindsey, P.
Maria L. Lindsey, L. *
Daniel Ludden, L. *
Araminta D. Ludden, L. R.
Garry Munson, L.
Harriet Munson, L.
Elizabeth Munson, L. *
Eliza Ann Phelps, L.
Lucy Clapp, L. R.
Edward Taylor, L.
Dolly Taylor, L.
Edward M. Taylor, L.
Julia Taylor, L.
Lydia W. Williams, L.

MAY 23, 1847.

Cyrus Smith, L. *
Julia Ann Smith, L.

SEPTEMBER 19.

Mary Smith, L.
Ama Lindsey, L.
Lester Fairman, P. R.

NOVEMBER 14.

Phila A. Brooks, L. R.

APRIL 9, 1848.

Samuel W. Reed, L. R.

JULY 1, 1849.

Nelson Porter, L.
Perkins K. Clark, L. R.
Hannah A. Clark, L. R.
Nathan Osgood Hannum, P.
Jane G. Hannum, L.

NOVEMBER 4.

Levia Webster, L. R.

JANUARY 6, 1850.

Harriet Williams, P.
Noah S. Bartlett, L. R.
Mary S. Bartlett. P. R.
Rufus Lyman, L. R.
Sarah A. Lyman, L. R.
David Mitchell, P. R.
Julia M. Mitchell, L. R.
Isabell Watson Truesdell, P.

FEBRUARY 24.

Marcus Truesdell, L.

JUNE 2.

Daniel Munson, L.
Jerusha Munson, L. *

JULY 7.

Tyler Gibbs, L. R.
Mary Gibbs, L. R.
Eliza Smith, L. R.

SEPTEMBER 1.

Adaline Reed, P. R.

NOVEMBER 3.

Mariette Hannum, P. R.

MARCH 2, 1851.

Horace C. Taylor, P. *

SEPTEMBER 7.

Nahum Stowell, P.
Nancy Stowell, P
Amanda E. Stowell, P.
Laura M. Winchell, P. R.
Susan Brockway, P. R.
Francis O. Goodale, P. R.
Lyman A. Dimock, P. R.

JANUARY 4, 1852.

Lucinda B. Collins, P. R.
Jane Gilbert, P. R.
Ellen Copeland, P.
Alfred Judd Taylor, P. R.

OCTOBER 17.

Elizabeth Egleston, P. R.
Catharine White, P. R.

MARCH 6, 1853.

Henry F. Williams, P. R.

JULY 3.

A. A. Walker, L.

SEPTEMBER 4.

Esther J. Foster, P. R.
Frances Clark, L.

NOVEMBER 6.

Ann L. Kirkland, L.

JANUARY 1, 1854.

Elijah N. Woods. L.
Sarah Ann Woods, L.

MARCH 5.

Ann O. Cook, L.

MAY 7.

Myron A. Munson, P.
Edward G. Munson, P. R.

JULY 2.

Edward C. Snow, L.

JANUARY 7, 1855.

Charles H. Bartlett, P. R.

MAY 6.

Townsend Walker, L.
Sarah H. Porter, P. R.

JANUARY 6, 1856.

Samuel T. Lyman, L.
Augusta H. Lyman, L.
Lois Ware, L.

SEPTEMBER 7.

Philomela T. Fisher, L. *

NOVEMBER 2.

Mercy Jane Hannum, L.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1857.

Margaret Young, P.
Elizabeth Young, P.

NOVEMBER 1.

Roxana S. Culver, L.

JULY 4, 1858.

S. S. Clark, L.
Caroline Lewis, L.
Abigail Collins, L.
Marietta C. Copeland, L.
Thomas Ring, P.
Hannah M. Ring, L.
Charles Munson, P.
Jennette C. Munson, P.
Charles E Spring, P.
Mary E. Spring, P.
Carrie Alice Lewis, P.
Sarah E. Fry, P.
Cordelia Stowell, P.
Edson S. Stevens, P.

NOVEMBER 7.

Orpha Munson, L.
William O. Bell, L.
Miriam B. Bell, L.

SUMMARY.

Number received on profession,	41	
" " by letter,	69	
	—	110
" removed by death,	8	
" otherwise removed,	35	
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Present members,		67

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